

Office of Congresswoman Jackie Speier (CA-12)
Member-Designated High Priority Project (HPP)
Questionnaire
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Friday, May 1, 2009 @ 9:00 p.m.
(P.D.T.)**

Please submit this form along with any additional material to Cookab Hashemi, chief of staff via email at Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov or fax, 202/226-4183. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Cookab Hashemi at 202/225-3531.

The questionnaire must be filled out in its entirety. In addition, it must be accompanied by at least one letter of support from a state, regional, or local government official specifically supporting the project request. This letter should discuss the merits of the project; specify the process to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the project; and identify the other sources of Federal, state or private funding that will be used to complete this project or project phase.

The letter must contain an explicit statement of support for the project. In addition, if you are requesting less than 80 percent of the total estimated cost of the specific segment or activity, the letter must identify other specifically designated Federal, state, local or private funding sources that, combined with the Member request, equal at least 80 percent of the total estimated cost. Please use **BOLDFACE FONT** to highlight these statements in the letter.

All questionnaires and accompanying documents will be posted on the Congresswoman's website as required by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Lastly, all project requests will be evaluated before the 12th Congressional District's Citizens Oversight Panel. Appointments to appear before the panel must be made through Cookab Hashemi, chief of staff, at 202/225-3531 or Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov. **The Citizens Oversight Panel meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2009.**

1. Project Title: Route 1, San Pedro Creek Bridge Replacement Project
2. Organization (project sponsor) Name and Address: City of Pacifica, 170 Santa Maria Avenue, Pacifica, California
3. Primary contact name, phone, cell and fax numbers and email address: Van Ocampo, Work No. (650) 738-3770; Cell No. (650) 438-2983; Fax No. (650) 738-3003; Email Address ocampov@ci.pacifica.ca.us
4. Project location address: San Pedro Creek Bridge along Highway 1, City of Pacifica, California
5. Please provide a brief description of the project. The Route 1, San Pedro Creek Bridge is a vital component of the coastal corridor of District 12. Much like Devil Slide, any failure or flooding of this structure will paralyze the Coastal Region of San Mateo County. Built in the 1950's, the current bridge is almost 60 years old and does not conform to any of the current structural and seismic design standards. It is also below flood zone elevation and has a narrow span that bottlenecks the flow of San Pedro Creek. The Route 1, San Pedro Creek Bridge Replacement Project will construct a replacement bridge that will be design to current structural and seismic standards. It will be built above current flood zone elevation and have a longer span that will pave the way for the future widening of the mouth of San Pedro Creek thus, eliminating flooding in Lower Linda Mar. The new bridge structure will also include a Class I bicycle and pedestrian facility that will not only encourage the use of alternative form of transportation, but promote a healthy lifestyle as well.
6. What is the purpose of the project? The purpose of the project are as follows:
 - a) Replace the 60 year old bridge over Highway 1 that does not conform to current structural and seismic standards.
 - b) Reduce, if not totally eliminate, the possibility of failure and/or flooding of the bridge, which may make it impassable and paralyze the coastal region.
 - c) Ensure the continuous and safe flow of traffic through the Coastal Highway Corridor of San Mateo County.
 - d) Construct a Class I bicycle and pedestrian facility that will provide a safe alternative form of mobilization. Thus, promoting a healthy lifestyle.
 - e) Reduce air pollution and conserve gas/fuel

Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? *This is a valuable use of taxpayers funds for it will: eliminate the hazard of having a 60 year old bridge over Highway 1 that does not conform to current structural and seismic standards; reduce, if not totally eliminate the possibility of failure or flooding of the bridge, which may make it impassable and paralyze the coastal region; ensure the continuous and safe flow of traffic through the coastal highway corridor of San Mateo County; construct a Class I bicycle and pedestrian facility within the structure that will provide a safe alternative form of mobilization and promote a more healthy lifestyle; reduce air pollution; and conserve gas/fuel* How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in the 12th Congressional District? *This project will create thousands of jobs during the design and construction phases, from design engineers to construction workers and product manufacturing sector. It will ensure continued mobility along the coastal region of the county and promote tourism (a good source of income for Pacificans) which will create thousands of sustained jobs to help boost local and regional economy.*

7. Are you requesting Federal funds for more than one project in this bill? YES
If yes, please list projects in order of priority requests for your organization.

- *No.1 Priority - Manor Drive Overcrossing and Milagra On-Ramp Project*
- *No. 2 Priority - Route 1, San Pedro Creek Bridge Replacement Project*

8. Are you requesting funds from other Members of Congress? NO If yes, which Members?

9. Please select which type of eligible project under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the U.S. Code is the project request? Please select from the options below.

▪ **FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY**

- ☒ Highway/road, bridge, tunnel, bicycle/pedestrian project, intelligent transportation system project, ferry boats or ferry boats facilities, intermodal freight facility or other.

- *The Route 1, San Pedro Creek Bridge is located with the Federal aid Highway System.*

- **PUBLIC TRANSIT** (Public transit refers to transportation services provided to the general public via a variety of vehicle modes, including buses, subways, light rail, commuter rail, monorail, passenger ferry boats, transit van pools, streetcars, inclined railways,

and paratransit vehicles. Public transit does not include school bus or charter bus services, nor intercity passenger rail (such as Amtrak), high-speed rail, or private rail operations. For these types of rail projects, please proceed to the Rail section of the form.)

- Passenger Vehicles
- Transit Bus or Van
- Transit Rail Car or Locomotive, including Streetcars
- Transit Ferry
- Transit Facilities
- Vehicle Maintenance or Administration Facility
- Passenger Facility, including Intermodal Facilities, stations, and terminals
- Transit Rights-of-Way
- Property Acquisition
- Corridor Development
- Rail Track Construction or Maintenance
- Bus-only Lane Construction or Maintenance
- Transit Equipment
- Vehicle-related Equipment
- System-related Equipment
- New Start Project (A New Start project is a major new fixed guideway capital project seeking more than \$75 million in Federal funds.)
- Small Start Project (A Small Start project is a new fixed guideway capital project seeking less than \$75 million in Federal funds and with a total estimated net capital cost of less than \$250 million.)
- **RAIL**
- Intercity Passenger Rail (Intercity rail passenger transportation means rail passenger transportation, except commuter rail passenger transportation. Commuter rail passenger transportation means short-haul rail passenger transportation in metropolitan and suburban areas usually having reduced fare, multiple-ride, and commuter tickets and morning and evening peak period operations. Intercity rail passenger transportation projects are not commuter rail projects. Funds for commuter rail projects should be requested under public transit, not under intercity passenger rail.)
- Located within a corridor previously designated by the Secretary of Transportation pursuant to section 104(d)(2) of Title 23, United States Code, or the Northeast Corridor?

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Project activities: (You may select more than one.)

- ✓ Construct
- ✓ Plan
- ✓ Design
- ✓ Engineer
- Conduct
- ✓ Environmental Review
- Acquire right-of-the-way
- Conduct alternatives analysis
- Research
- Develop
- Demonstrate
- Deploy
- ✓ Reconstruct
- ✓ Rehabilitate
- ✓ Replace
- ✓ Retrofit
- Install
- Mitigate
- Implement
- ✓ Realign

What is the total estimated cost? \$6,000,000.00

What amount is being requested? \$935,455.00

What percentage of the total estimated cost is the request for Federal funding? 15.5%

Please identify the source and amount of funding. The remaining 84.5% will be funded through the following funding:

1. \$2,500,000.00 or 41.6% is by SAFETEA-LU
2. \$2,574,000.00 or 42.9% is through County Measure A local Funds

12. If you are requesting funding for a specific segment or activity, please describe the overall project of which this segment/activity is a part.

- Project description: The funds being requested will undertake all phases of the project from the completion of the preliminary engineering phase through completion of construction.
- The total estimated cost of \$6,000,000 will cover from the environmental phase through completion of construction

13. Is the project included in the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan?

- Please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the plan and the title of the plan. NO
 - Date of approval (MM/YYYY)
 - Title of the plan

14. Is the project included in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and/or State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)?
YES

- Please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the program(s), and the title of the program(s).
 - Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - Date of approval 11/2008
 - Title of the Program TEA 21 and SAFETEA-LU
 - State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
 - Date of approval (MM/YYYY)
 - Title of the Program

15. If the project is an intercity passenger rail project, is it included in the State Rail Plan?

- Please provide the date on which the Governor approved the most recent version of the plan, and the title of the plan.
 - Date of approval (MM/YYYY)

- *Title of the plan*
16. **Please describe the current status of the project and the expected schedule for its completion.**
- *Current status of project*
 - Federal-aid Highway projects:
 - In Planning Complete
 - In Environmental Review Current to May 2010
 - In Final Design February 2010 to January 2011
 - In Right-of-Way Acquisition None Required
 - Under Construction April 2011 to December 2012
 - Public Transit projects:
 - In Planning
 - In Alternatives Analysis
 - In Preliminary Engineering
 - In Final Design
 - Under Construction or Procurement
 - Rail projects:
 - In Planning
 - In Environmental Review
 - In Preliminary Engineering
 - In Design
 - Under Construction
 - Research:
 - Under Research
 - Under Development
 - Under Demonstration
 - Under Deployment
 - **What is the expected date of completion of the project for which you are requesting funding?** December 2012
17. **Does the project have regional or national significance?** The Route 1, San Pedro Creek Bridge is a vital component of the coastal corridor of District 12. Much like Devil Slide, the failure or flooding of this bridge will paralyze the Coastal Region of San Mateo County. Built in the 1950's, the current bridge is almost 60 years old and does not conform to any of the current structural and seismic design standards. It is below flood zone elevation and has a narrow span that bottlenecks the flow of San Pedro Creek. The Route 1, San Pedro Creek Bridge Replacement Project will construct a bridge that will be design to current structural and seismic standards. It will be built above current flood zone elevation and a longer span that will

pave the way for the future widening of the mouth of San Pedro Creek thus, eliminating flooding in Lower Linda Mar. The new bridge structure will also include a Class I bicycle and pedestrian facility that will not only encourage the use of alternative form of transportation, but promote a healthy lifestyle as well.

18. Describe the safety, economic development, mobility, and environmental benefits associated with completion of the project.

▪ **Safety Benefits**

- The Route 1, San Pedro Creek Bridge Replacement Project will construct a bridge that will be design to current structural and seismic standards, making it safe for motorists to drive on. It will be built above current flood zone elevation and a longer span that will pave the way for the future widening of the mouth of San Pedro Creek thus, eliminating flooding in Lower Linda Mar.

▪ **Economic Development Benefits**

- This project will create thousands of jobs during the design and construction phases, from design engineers to construction workers and product manufacturing sector. It will ensure continued mobility along the coastal region of the county and promote tourism (a good source of income for Pacificans) which will create thousands of sustained jobs to help boosts local and regional economy.

▪ **Mobility Benefits**

- This project will construct a bridge to current structural and seismic standards. Ensure the safe flow of traffic through the Coastal Highway Corridor of San Mateo County by eliminating the possibility of flooding over the bridge and rendering it impassable. It will construct a Class I bicycle and pedestrian and provide a safe alternative form of mobilization, promote a more healthy lifestyle, reduce air pollution and conserve gas/fuel

▪ **Environmental Benefits**

- Much like the closure of Devil Slide along Highway 1, which resulted in a 20 mile detour, same thing may happen if the San Pedro Creek Bridge becomes impassable. Ensuring the safe flow of traffic through the Coastal Highway Corridor of San Mateo County eliminates the need for 20 mile detour saving fuel and reducing air pollution. Equally important, is that project will construct a Class I bicycle and pedestrian path within the structure that will provide a safe alternative form of mobilization, promote a more healthy lifestyle, reduce air pollution and conserve gas/fuel

19. Has the project previously received any Federal funding? If so, please list the Source, Amount of Funding and Amount Obligated. (Please see categories below.) YES.

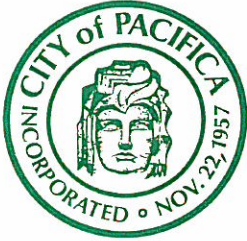
- Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (P.L.109-59)
 - Section Project Number [HPRR # 51](#)
 - Amount of Funding [\\$2,500,000.00](#) Amount Obligated [\\$0](#)
- Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21) (P.L. 105-178)
 - Section Project Number [Demo ID No. 164](#)
 - Amount of Funding [\\$1,050,000](#) Amount Obligated [\\$120,000](#)
- National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 (NHS Act) (P.L. 104-59)
 - Section Project Number
 - Amount of Funding Amount Obligated
- Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) (P.L. 102-240)
 - Section Project Number
 - Amount of Funding Amount Obligated
- Appropriations act(s)
- Public Law Name
 - Public Law Number
 - Section Project Number
 - Amount of Funding Amount Obligated
- Other legislation
 - Public Law Name
 - Public Law Number
 - Section Project Number
 - Amount of Funding Amount Obligated

20. Has the project received any prior funding from a State, local, or private source? **NO.**

- *Source:*
- *Amount of Funding:*
- *Amount Obligated:*

21. Please provide the proposed legislative text (in no more than 250 characters) of the project as you would like it to appear in the bill.
[Undertake the Route 1, San Pedro Creek Bridge Replacement Project](#)
22. Please include any additional information that should be consider with the project request.

Please return this form and at least one local or state letter or support no later than Friday, May 1, 2009 via email or fax to:
Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov or 202/226-4183 (fax).



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The Honorable Congresswoman Jackie Speier
400 South El Camino Real, Suite 410
San Mateo, CA 94402

**Subject: Federal Funding Assistance for Route 1/San Pedro Creek
Bridge Replacement Project**

Dear Congresswoman Speier:

The existing Route 1/San Pedro Creek Bridge was designed and constructed by Caltrans (Division of Highways) in the 1950s. It is almost 60 years old and does not conform to any of the current structural and seismic design standards. It is also below flood zone elevation and has a narrow span that bottlenecks the flow of San Pedro Creek. It was supposed to be replaced as part of the original Devil's Slide Bypass Project. But, as you know, legal delays prevented the bypass project from proceeding and in the 1990s the people of San Mateo County voted in favor of the tunnel that is currently under construction. With this change in type of project, the replacement of the San Pedro Creek Bridge was dropped from the Devil's Slide Project Scope and to this date remains deficient.

The Route 1 San Pedro Creek Bridge is a vital component of the coastal corridor of District 12. Over 18,000 vehicles (Caltrans Traffic Volumes) pass through Devil's Slide each day, all of which go over this bridge. Much like Devil's Slide, the failure or flooding of this structure will paralyze the coastal region of San Mateo County. Traffic will have to be rerouted to Route 92, causing a detour of up to 50 miles as well as considerable congestion on Route 92, which is presently at capacity.

The Route 1 San Pedro Creek Bridge Replacement Project will ensure a safe roadway to and from the Devil's Slide tunnel. It will construct a replacement bridge that will be designed to current structural and seismic standards. The new bridge will be higher by approximately 5 feet and will provide a wider channel to pave the way for the future widening of the mouth of San Pedro Creek, which will help eliminate flooding in lower Linda Mar. A Class I bicycle and pedestrian facility will also be provided on top of the new structure. This will not only encourage the use of an alternative form of mobility, but will promote a healthy lifestyle as well.



Public input is very important to the success of any project and is always welcome. As this project is still in the Preliminary Engineering stage, various opportunities to comment on this project were and will be provided as we continue with the Environmental Phase. Comments may also be received during the adoption of the City's Capital Improvement Program.

The estimated total project cost is \$6,000,000, of which Pacifica is only asking for \$935,455.00. This project has previous SAFETEA-LU funding for \$2,500,000 and another \$2,500,000 that just became available in 2009 from the Reauthorized Measure A.

As Mayor of Pacifica and on behalf of my fellow Councilmembers, we strongly support the Route 1/San Pedro Creek Bridge Replacement Project and ask for your assistance and support in obtaining the necessary federal HPP funding, to make this vital project a reality. We greatly appreciate your favorable consideration of this request and thank you for your past support and assistance to the City of Pacifica.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julie Lancelle".

Julie Lancelle
Mayor

c: City Council
Stephen Rhodes, City Manager
Van Ocampo, Director of Public Works